* 168 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 319 on 31st August 1961 whether the authorities of St. Martin's Hospital, Ramanathapuram, called for applications preferably from Christians for employment as doctors?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Yes, Sir.

Fishermen co-operative societies

* 169 *Q.*—SRI J. PONNUSWAMY VILLAVARAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of concessions given to the fishermen co-operative societies with regard to the fishery rentals of Government-owned waters; and

(*b*) the preference, if any, given to fishermen community in the recruitment of men for the fishing operations of the Fisheries Department?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : (*a*) & (*b*) The answers are * placed on the table of the House.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : ஐயா, மீன் துறையில் மீனவர்களுக்குப் போதிய சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா? அதைப் புனராலோசனை செய்து அதிகமான பேர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா?

கனம் திரு. என். நல்லசேனாபதி சர்க்கரை மன்றாடியார் : இப்போது என்னவிதமான வேலை கொடுக்க முடியுமோ அதைக் கொடுத்துக்கொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறோம்.

Population

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will now take up Sri L. S. Karayalar's question (No. 146).

* 146 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the population of the State; and

(*b*) the percentage of the different communities?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Provisional population total of this State as on 1st March 1961 is 33,650,917.

(*b*) These particulars were not collected during 1961, Census enumeration.

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SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Sir, will the Government at least consider the desirability of collecting these particulars regarding the backward class communities?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the backward class communities are already taken care of by the applications they make. It is unnecessary to make an enumeration of these communities.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received messages from the Governor of Madras recommending to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the following Bills as passed by the Legislative Assembly :—

(1) The Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962.

(2) The Madras Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) Bill, 1962.

(3) The Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Amendment Bill, 1962.

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also received messages from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly and signed by him, for the recommendation of the Council, and certifying that the Bills are Money Bills within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India :—

(1) The Madras Stamp (Increase of Duties) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1962).

(2) The Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1962).

(3) The Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1962).

(4) The Madras Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1962).

(5) The Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 13 of 1962).

I have also received a message from Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, regarding amendments to the Rules for the Co-option as Councillors of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes by the Elected Members of the Council under the Madras City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919) issued in G.O. Ms. No. 1190, Local Administration, dated the 23rd